

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The average out-turn from the sawing department of the Tramway workshop per day on an average in 1102 was 40 c. ft.

Future Management of the Tramway.

125. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any idea of placing the Tramway under the administrative control of another Department or officer by separating the administrative from the engineering section of the Tramway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—None at present.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When was it decided to extend the Tramway to another year? Was this question thought of at all? Was this question considered?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I have no information about it.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was not considered.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What would be the difficulty to consider this question?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot say.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is a matter of opinion.

Construction of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur ferry.

126. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

- (a) whether the Government have sanctioned the construction of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur ferry;
- (b) if so, when was the construction sanctioned;
- (c) what is the amount estimated for the work;
- (d) how long has the said ferry been in existence;
- (e) what is the approximate amount collected by the Government by farming out the ferry for the last 10 years?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) No regular estimate has been prepared. On a rough calculation the cost of the work was reported to be Rs. 45,000.

(d) The ferry has been in existence from a very long time past.

(e) The approximate amount of rent collected by farming out the ferry for the last 10 years was Rs. 4,012 as detailed below:—

	Rs.		Rs.
1103	400	1098	415
1102	450	1097	436
1101	480	1096	400
1100	400	1095	350
1099	500	1094	181

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to sub-division (c) is 'No regular estimate has been prepared. On a rough calculation the cost of the work was reported to be Rs. 45,000.' May I know, Sir, when this rough calculation was made; how many years ago?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Some time ago. It was not done by me.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Can you just give me the date?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—In 1923.

127. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the absence of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur Ferry has been causing very great inconvenience to the travelling public for a very long time;

(b) whether the Government have decided to take up the construction of this bridge in the near future?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Government are aware that there is some inconvenience.

(b) The question of taking up this work will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to part (a) is 'The Government are aware that there is some inconvenience'; and (b) 'the question of taking up this work will be considered when funds permit'. Now I find from answer to (b) of the previous question that a rough estimate was prepared in 1923.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is not exactly a rough estimate.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Let us take only that something was done in 1923 and a figure was arrived at. Is it the excuse that for the last five years there have been no funds or even funds are not available even now for the work to be taken up? Is there any time when funds will permit to take up this work?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It depends on the importance of the work also.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I think there has been however no representation subsequent to 1923 about this matter.

Jew Students in High Schools and Colleges and Government Officers acting as Directors of Companies, etc.

128. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—